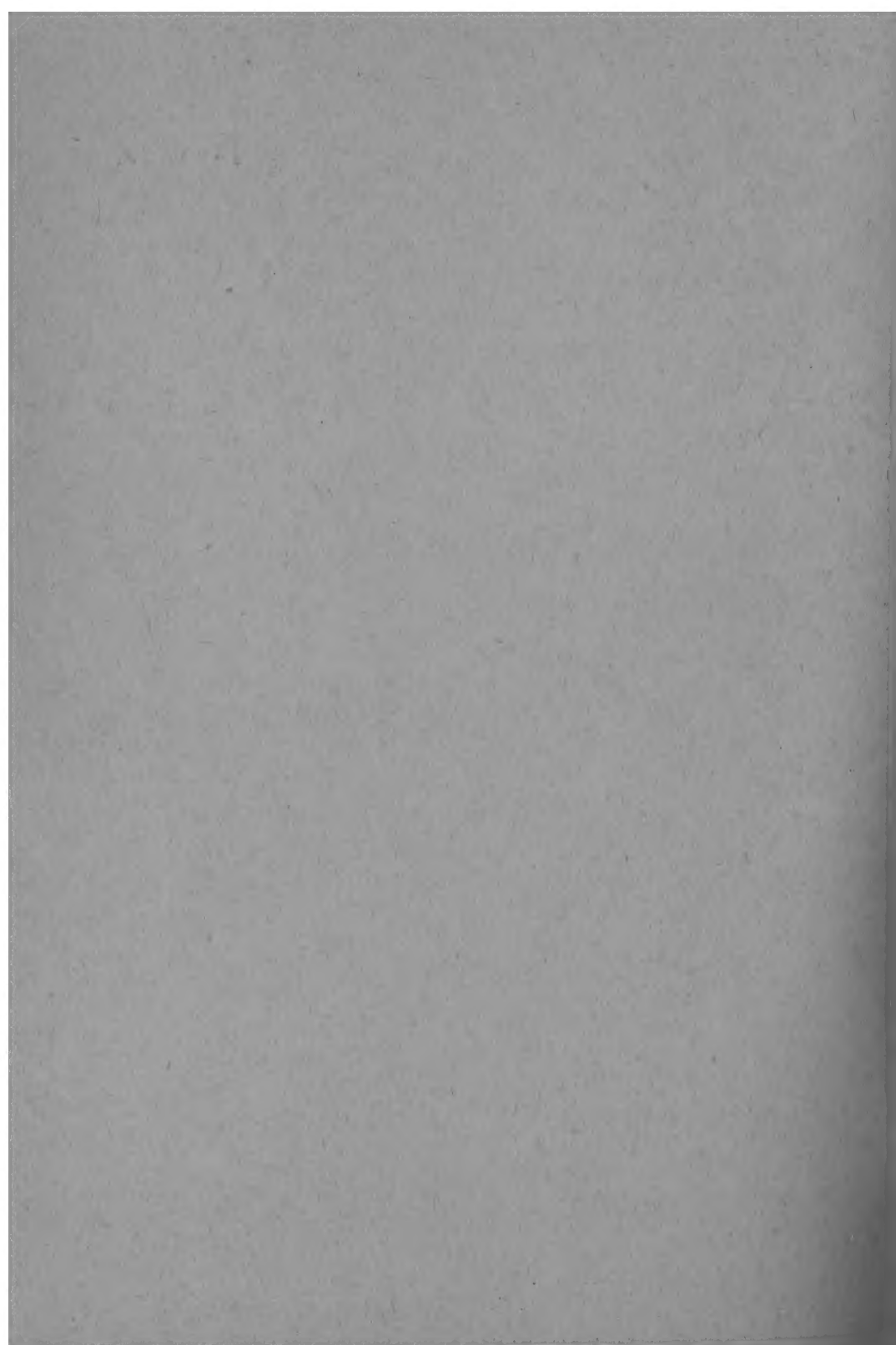


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Twentieth Session
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Peace River
Wednesday and Thursday
The 5th and 6th days of August
1942



List of Clergy and Lay Workers

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese

The Right Reverend Arthur Henry Sovereign, M.A., D.D., F.R.G.S. #

Bishop's Lodge, Peace River, Alberta.

CLERGY

The Ven. Archdeacon Robert Little, D.D., R.D., All Saint's, Athabasca, Alta.
The Rev. Canon W. B. Singleton, B.A., B.D., St. Luke's, Fort Vermilion, Alta.
The Rev. Gordon E. Bratt, R.D., Christ Church, Berwyn, Alberta.
The Rev. G. A. Crawley, L.Th., St. Mark's, High Prairie, Alberta.
The Rev. Robert T. Cathcart, Indian Residential School, Atikameg, Alberta.
The Rev. Eric Wright, St. Matthew's, Wembley, Alberta.
The Rev. George T. Pattison, B.A., St. Helen's, Fairview, Alberta.
The Rev. Cyrus R. Lang, St. Andrew's, Colinton, Alberta.
The Rev. Captain Arthur Lord, L.Th., Christ Church, Grande Prairie, Alta.
The Rev. Frank Edward Smith, St. James' Pro-Cathedral, Peace River, Alta.
The Rev. N. Burgomaster, B.A., Fort Chipewyan, Alberta.
The Rev. William K. Morrison, B.A., St. John's, Fort McMurray, Alberta.
The Rev. S. Eric Richards, Hay River, N.W.T.
The Rev. Canon S. G. Cook, B.A., R.D., Fort Simpson, N.W.T.
The Rev. C. N. Middleton, B.A., St. John's, Wabasca, Alberta.
The Rev. T. D. Owen, B.A., Goodwin, Alberta.
The Rev. Cecil Randell, B.A., L.Th., Yellowknife, N.W.T.
The Rev. Geo. H. Crane-Williams

On Leave:

Rev. Canon W. Prior, B.A., B.D., Chaplain to 1st Canadian Scottish Regt.
Rev. Norman Calland, Chaplain, Macaulay Camp, Nanaimo, B.C.

EXAMINING CHAPLAIN

Rev. T. D. Owen, B.A., Goodwin, Alberta.

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

Rev. G. A. Crawley, High Prairie, Alberta.

RURAL DEANS

Athabasca, Ven. Archdeacon Little, D.D., Athabasca, Alberta.
Mackenzie River, The Rev. Canon H. G. Cook, B.A., Fort Simpson, N.W.T.
Peace River, Rev. Gordon E. Bratt, Berwyn, Alberta.
Grande Prairie, Rev. Capt. A. Lord, Grande Prairie, Alberta.

STIPENDIARY LAY READER

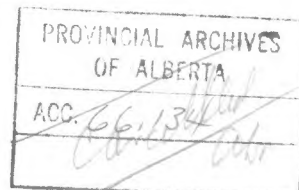
Dr. D. H. Pinkerton, Sexsmith, Alberta.

HONORARY LAY READERS

Peace River: Mr. H. A. George, Dr. F. H. Sutherland; Wembley: Capt. A. E. Roberts, M.C.; Grande Prairie: Mr. F. M. Sanger-Davies; Clairmont: Mr. E. V. Bergin; Three Lakes: Mr. Thomas Smart; Beaverlodge: Mr. Arthur Funnell, Mr. R. C. Robson; Atikameg: Mr. Benjamin B. Whitford; Athabasca: Mr. Horace Dunster; Fairview: Mr. W. J. MacArthur; McLennan: Mr. E. Houndle; High Prairie: Mr. Richard P. Butler; Faust: Mr. Kenneth B. Thomson.

CHANCELLOR

His Honour, Judge Bury, M.A., K.C., Bank of Toronto Bldg., Edmonton, Alta.



REGISTRAR

Mr. V. R. Baldwin, K.C., Peace River, Alberta.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Rt. Rev. A. H. Sovereign, M.A., D.D., (Chairman).

The Ven. Archdeacon R. Little, D.D.

The Rev. F. E. Smith. (Treasurer).

The Rev. Capt. A. Lord.

Chancellor Bury, M.A., K.C.

Registrar V. R. Baldwin, K.C.

Mr. E. W. Sanger-Davies.

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The Rev. F. E. Smith, St. James' Pro-Cathedral, Peace River, Alberta.

AUDITOR

Mr. Norman Soars, Peace River, Alberta.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

Mr. Maurice Walsh, of Wycliffe College, to Cherry Point, Alberta.

Mr. N. Green, B.A., of Wycliffe College, to Lac La Biche, Alberta.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE WEST (Montreal Branch)

Rev. T. D. Owen, B.A., of the Diocese of Montreal.

WOMEN WORKERS

The Wives of the Clergy.

Miss Sawyer, Miss Paris of St. Nicholas Van, Athabasca.

Miss B. Cocks-Johnson, Miss Isobel Duguid, St. Alban's Van, Peace River.

Miss E. Garside, Miss E. Calvert, St. Wilfred's Van, Fairview.

Miss Joan Watson, Miss Ada Harden, St. Oswald's Van, Grande Prairie.

Miss C. Williston, Miss S. Stanley, Kootenay Van.

Miss Seaman, Miss Eastwood, St. Nicholas House, Fairview, S.S. by Post.

Whitefish Lake, (Atikameg P.O.) St. Andrew's School, Miss E. K. Palmer,

R.N., Miss H. M. Corder, Miss O. Olson.

Wabasca, St. John's School, Miss E. Turner, Miss M. Lister, Miss C. Barnes.

Hay River Hospital, Nurse W. Neville.

Keg River, Dr. Mary Percy Jackson.

Hondo, Nurse Drummond Hay.

North Star, Miss Betty Anderson.

Faust, Miss M. Stockford.

Athabasca Hostels, Miss Lawrence and Miss Lee.

Grassland, Miss Barlee.

Cherry Point, Miss Mantle, R.N., Miss Flower.

Bishop Bompas Memorial Hospital, Fort Norman, Matron, Miss F. Smith,

R.N., Miss Ruth Young, R.N., Miss Cecile Hodgson.

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IN ENGLAND: Rt. Rev. E. F. Robins, D.D., Wymondham, Norfolk; Rev. F. Stone, M.A., East Worldham Vicarage, Alton, Hants; Rev. B. F. Hinde, M.A., M.C., Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich; Rev. J. Mervyn Glass, M.A., Holy Trinity Vicarage, Cheltenham, Glos.

Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Peace River, Alta., Medical Examiner for Pension Board.

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First Day

Pursuant to notice the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca assembled in St. James' Cathedral at 8.00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 1942.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Right Rev. A. H. Sovereign, M.A., D.D., assisted by the Rev. F. E. Smith and Rev. G. Bratt.

MORNING SESSION

The Right Reverend A. H. Sovereign, M.A., D.D., having summoned the twentieth session of Synod to meet at Peace River on August 5th, 1942 A.D., the members assembled in Athabasca Hall at 9.30 a.m. and the Bishop having called the meeting to order opened with prayer.

Moved by Rev. Capt. A. Lord, Seconded by Rev. G. Bratt, and resolved that Rev. F. E. Smith be re-elected Secretary of Synod.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Clergy, the following being present answered to their names: The Reverends Archdeacon Little, F. E. Smith, E. Wright, G. Bratt, A. Lord, G. A. Crawley, J. B. Owen, G. Pattison.

The following clerical members of Synod being absent: Reverends Canon W. B. Singleton, S. E. Richards, H. G. Cook, R. T. Cathcart, C. R. Lang, N. Burgomaster, C. N. Middleton, W. K. Morrison, Canon W. Prior, N. Calland.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates and the following were present: Messrs. A. Funnel, Beaverlodge; Fred Frewer, Wembley; J. Smart, L. Edwards, Grande Prairie; L. C. Brockway, J. W. MacArthur, Fairview; T. Smith, Dr. Pinkerton, Sexsmith; T. Smart, Berwyn; F. Witcomb, H. A. George, Peace River; R. P. Butler, E. Houndle, High Prairie; H. Dunster, Athabasca. No Lay Delegates from Clear Hills, Fort Vermilion, Fort McMurray, Colinton, Spirit River or the Mackenzie River Deanery.

The Secretary reported that eight Clerical and fourteen Lay Delegates were present, constituting a quorum of each order.

The Bishop declared the Synod constituted.

Messages of Greeting were then read from Rev. Capt. Canon W. Prior, Chaplain Overseas; Rev. T. Dale Jones, Rector of Kamloops, and Rev. H. E. Webb, Rector of Beeton, Ontario.

Moved by Mr. R. P. Butler, seconded by Rev. G. A. Crawley, and resolved that these messages be received and acknowledged.

Moved by Mr. H. Dunster, seconded by Rev. G. Pattison, and resolved that the following ladies be given seats upon the floor of the house, Misses Eastwood, Seaman, Paris, Sawyer, Anderson, Stockford, and Mrs. Crane-Williams.

Moved by Mr. MacArthur, seconded by Mr. L. Edwards and resolved that Mr. K. Withers be given a seat upon the floor of the house.

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith, seconded by Mr. F. Whitcombe, and resolved that the Minutes of the Nineteenth Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, convened at Grande Prairie on the 26th and 27th days of June, 1940, as printed in the Synod Journal, be adopted as read.

The Bishop appointed Scrutineers of the Credentials of the Lay Delegates as follows: Rev. E. Wright and Mr. T. Smart.

His Lordship also appointed the Press Committee, at this time, in the persons of Rev. G. Bratt and Mr. F. Frewer. He also paid warm tribute to the editors of the Peace River Record-Gazette, the Grande Prairie Herald-Tribune, and the Athabasca Echo.

The Committee on the Bishop's Charge was then elected: Rev. G. A. Crawley and Mr. MacArthur.

The Nominating Committee was elected with the following personnel: Rev. Capt. A. Lord, Rev. G. Bratt and Mr. Houndle.

Dr. Pinkerton, Rev. G. Pattison, Ven. R. Little, and Mr. R. P. Butler were elected to present a unified report on Thanks, Greetings and Memorials.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. F. E. Smith. This was given in two sections. The first was a summary of the sale of property since last Synod. The second dealt with Diocesan property leased and rented.

Moved by Mr. H. Dunster and seconded by Mr. J. Smart and resolved that this report be adopted.

Moved by Mr. J. Smart, seconded by Mr. MacArthur and resolved that the Secretary be instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Peters with regard to the historic property at Dunvegan donated by her to the Diocese of Athabasca.

The Laymen's Report was then read and considered clause by clause.

No. 1. That as Laymen we would respectfully request the Bishop if possible to call Synods for the latter weeks of July, as the weather conditions at that time make for more settled roads.

No. 2. That we view with considerable satisfaction the movement afoot to create unity between the Presbyterian and Anglican Communions in this Dominion, and pledge our full support for the furtherance of that aim.

His Lordship then read the correspondence which had passed between himself and Dr. Powell of the United Church.

Moved by Mr. H. Dunster and seconded by Rev. G. Bratt and resolved that this step have the approval of the house.

The Laymen's third clause regarding Evangelism was laid on the table until the presentation of the report of the committee on Evangelism.

Moved by Mr. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. H. Dunster, and resolved that the first two clauses of the Laymen's Report be adopted.

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith and seconded by Archdeacon Little, and resolved that: Believing that it is the Will of God as revealed in Jesus Christ that His followers should be one and that by this badge, men should recognize that they are His disciples; believing that the fact of our unhappy divisions constitutes a reproach to the Church of God, that it is a source of weakness and that it stands as one of the greatest barriers to the spread of the Gospel in non-Christian Lands; believing that the present divided state of the Church, the Body of Christ, results in overlapping, in unseemly competition, in unnecessary expenditure of man-power and of money, in the engendering too often of an unchristian spirit and frequently of hatred, malice and uncharitableness; believing that the present wave movement toward co-operation and toward unity as manifested by the Ecumenical conferences and by a world spirit of fellowship and good will among Christian Churches is inspired by the Holy Spirit, 'who maketh men to be of one

mind in an house'; believing that this moving tide should not be allowed to lose its power in mere theory and endless talk, lest the Church should be unready for its task in this its greatest hour and sound the note of an uncertain trumpet: Be it resolved that we as a Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca here assembled do pledge ourselves to earnest prayer for the unity of the Church, to the manifestation of the spirit of Christian fellowship at all times, to a careful consideration of plans for co-operation at the present time with our Sister Churches and to a sincere expectation of the dawn of a new day when Christendom shall be one and Christ's prayer shall be fulfilled.

Moved by Mr. F. Witcomb and seconded by Dr. Pinkerton, and resolved, that this sitting adjourn.

Lunch was served in the dining hall by ladies of St. James' W.A.

First Day

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Synod re-assembled at 2 p.m. Archdeacon Little opened with prayer.

Moved by Rev. G. Bratt, and seconded by Mr. H. Dunster, and resolved that the committee to enquire into the status of women workers, with regard to representation at Synodical bodies be allowed to continue their researches until the next Synod.

The Secretary then read the report of the rural deanery of Mackenzie River. (Appendix B.)

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith, seconded by Rev. G. A. Crawley, and resolved, that this report be received and adopted.

Moved by Rev. Rev. G. A. Crawley, seconded by Mr. MacArthur and resolved that the special needs of the Deanery of Mackenzie River be brought before the M.S.C.C. Executive and the M.S.C.C. Board. In view of the unprecedented developments which are taking place within this area; in view of the fact that two of the important Missions are closed due to lack of funds; in view of the subtle and sleepless aggression of another Church in that Valley; in view of the expenditure in man power and money power which has been given so freely from the year 1859; in view of the fact that our Canadian Church promised to continue the work begun by the Church Missionary Society of England; in view of the fact that the C.M.S. completely withdrew in 1920; in view of the fact that we have reached a point at which we must either mend or end the situation:

Be it resolved that the M.S.C.C. Executive be asked to review most carefully the whole problem of this new and endless Land and to consider favourably a sympathetic and generous attitude in relation to it.

It was further resolved that the Diocese of Athabasca be provided with funds so that adequate stipends should be provided for the Missionaries, that warm and comfortable rectories should be built, that the necessary equipment should be provided for their pastoral work, and that they should be cared for on a basis similar to that of the so-called "foreign" Missionaries of our Church.

The report from the Grande Prairie Deanery was read by the Secretary.

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith, seconded by Rev. Capt. A. Lord and resolved that this report be received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. L. Edwards, seconded by Rev. G. Bratt and resolved that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca wishes to place on record its sincere appreciation of the splendid work of Canon Proctor at Cherry Point during the period when it could not be visited by a member of this Diocese,

and our joy at the news that he will be able to recover from his illness without an operation.

The report of the Athabasca Deanery was presented by the Rural Dean, Archdeacon Little. (Appendix C.)

Moved by Archdeacon Little and seconded by Rev. F. E. Smith and resolved that this report be received and adopted.

Rev. Rural Dean G. Bratt presented the report from Peace River Deanery. (Appendix D.)

Moved by Rev. G. Bratt, seconded by Mr. MacArthur and resolved that this report be received and adopted.

The Report of the D.B.R.E. was read by Rev. F. E. Smith. Discussion upon this report was halted at 5 p.m. on a motion of Rev. F. E. Smith, seconded by Rev. Capt. A. Lord and resolved that this sitting do now adjourn.

Supper was served by the ladies of St. James' W.A.

At 8.00 o'clock the Clergy and Lay delegates filed in procession for the Synod Service at St. James' Cathedral. Participating in the service were Rev. F. E. Smith, Rev. G. Bratt, Rev. J. Owen, Rev. G. Crawley. The sermon was preached by Archdeacon Little, who chose as his subject "Parish Visiting". The Benediction was pronounced by his Lordship the Bishop.

At the close of the Service the members of Synod with their friends assembled at Bishop's Lodge, where they were the guests of Bishop and Mrs. Sovereign at a social evening.

Second Day

Morning Prayer was read at 7.30 a.m. by Rev. Capt. A. Lord and Rev. Eric Wright. Followed by the ordination to the Diaconate of Mr. G. H. Crane-Williams. Preacher at the ordination service was Rev. Eric Wright, who chose as his subject "Watchman what of the night?"

MORNING SESSION

The Synod re-assembled at 10.30 a.m. The session opened with prayer led by the Bishop.

Moved by Mr. R. P. Butler, seconded by Mr. L. Edwards, and resolved that this Synod place on record its deep appreciation of Rev. Crane-Williams upon becoming a Deacon in the Church of God, and the inspiration his action will have on the future attitude of the laymen of this Diocese.

The Minutes of the first day of the Synod were read and on motion, Rev. F. E. Smith, Rev. G. Bratt, were adopted as amended.

The report of the committee upon the Bishop's Charge was presented by Rev. G. A. Crawley.

Moved by Rev. G. A. Crawley, seconded by Mr. R. P. Butler and resolved that this report be considered clause by clause. (Appendix E.)

Moved by Mr. E. Houndle, seconded by Archdeacon Little and resolved that Mrs. MacArthur, Diocesan Treasurer of the W.A., be given a seat upon the floor of the house.

RESULT OF DEBATE UPON BISHOP'S CHARGE

Moved by Rev. G. A. Crawley, seconded by Mr. R. P. Butler, and resolved that the clause re Youth Training be referred to the G.B.R.E. for definite action.

Clause No. 2, re Movement of Clergy from the Diocese. Moved by Rev. G. A. Crawley, seconded by Mr. R. P. Butler, and resolved, that this clause be adopted.

APPOINTMENTS

Registrar, Mr. V. R. Baldwin, K.C., ratified by Synod.
Treasurer, Rev. F. E. Smith, ratified by Synod.

Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Rev. F. E. Smith and resolved that letters of sympathy be sent from the Synod to Mrs. H. Lamberton, Mrs. Quarterman and Mrs. Buck.

Moved by Rev. G. Bratt and seconded by Mr. H. Dunster, and resolved that travelling expenses incurred by attendance at Synod be defrayed at the rate of four cents per mile per car.

Moved by Mr. R. P. Butler, seconded by Mr. Houndle and resolved that Rev. G. A. Crawley and Mrs. R. Little be appointed to act as an Archives Committee for the Diocese.

Moved by Rev. G. A. Crawley, seconded by Mr. R. P. Butler and resolved that the report on the Bishop's Charge be adopted as a whole.

Miss Seaman presented the report of the Sunday School by Post (Appendix F.)

Moved by Miss Seaman, seconded by Rev. E. Wright and resolved that this report be received and adopted.

The Financial Report of 1940 was presented by Archdeacon Little. (Appendix G.)

Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Mr. E. Houndle and resolved that this report be considered clause by clause.

Noon Day prayers were read by Archdeacon Little.

Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Mr. E. Houndle and resolved that the Financial Report be adopted.

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith, seconded by Rev. Capt. A. Lord, and resolved that this sitting do now adjourn.

Members of the Cathedral W.A. served lunch.

After luncheon a Tri-light lamp was presented to Archdeacon Little, as a small token of the esteem and gratitude of the members of the Synod for his untiring efforts during his twenty-six years in the Diocese, as Missionary, Archdeacon and especially for his ten years as Treasurer. Mr. MacArthur spoke on behalf of the Laymen and Rev. F. E. Smith for the Clergy. The presentation was then made by his Lordship the Bishop who commended Archdeacon Little and Mrs. Little for their loyalty and devotion.

The members of Synod were then privileged to listen to an inspiring address by Rev. G. H. Crane-Williams.

Second Day

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Financial Report was then presented, and upon a Motion by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Rev. F. E. Smith, this was received and adopted.

Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Mr. L. Edwards, and resolved that this Synod go on record as accepting the apportionments as stated by the M.S.C.C.

Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Rev. F. E. Smith, and resolved that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca now in session send greetings to His Lordship the Bishop of Calgary, and express to him and his committee on apportionments our heartiest appreciation of the success achieved, and wish God's richest blessing upon their future efforts.

Rev. Capt. A. Lord then presented the report of the Nominating Committee, after some balloting, His Lordship declared the following elected:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: President, The Bishop; Rev. F. E. Smith, Rev. Capt. A. Lord; Lay, Mr. F. M. Sanger-Davies, Dr. F. H. Sutherland; ex officio, Archdeacon Little, Chancellor Bury, Registrar V. R. Baldwin.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD: Clerical, Rev. G. E. Bratt, Ven. Archdeacon Little, substitutes, Rev. F. E. Smith, Rev. G. A. Crawley; Lay Delegates, Chancellor Bury, Mr. McArthur, substitutes, Mr. R. P. Butler, Mr. L. Edwards. Rev. F. E. Smith, Rev. E. Wright, Substitutes, Canon Singleton, Rev. G.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD: Clerical, Archdeacon Little, Rev. A. Lord, Pattison, Rev. G. A. Crawley, Rev. G. Bratt. Lay, Chancellor Bury, Mr. F. M. Sanger-Davies, Mr. E. Houndle, Mr. T. Smart, Substitutes, Mr. H. Dunster, Mr. E. Frewer, Mr. J. Smart, Dr. Pinkerton.

M.S.C.C.: Rev. G. Bratt, Rev. F. E. Smith, ex officio, Archdeacon Little, Chancellor Bury, Mr. V. R. Baldwin, K.C. Elected lay delegate, Mr. MacArthur.

CANONS AND CONSTITUTIONS: Archdeacon Little, Mr. V. R. Baldwin, K.C., Mr. F. Pottage, Chancellor Bury.

D.C.S.S.: Rev. G. E. Bratt, Rev. E. Wright, Rev. C. R. Lang. Lay, Mr. E. Houndle, Mr. J. Smart, Mr. H. Dunster.

D.B.R.E.: Rev. J. Owen, Rev. G. Crane-Williams, Rev. C. Lang. Lay, Mr. R. P. Butler, Mr. A. Funnell, Mr. J. W. MacArthur.

Moved by Rev. G. Bratt, seconded by Mr. MacArthur and resolved that the sum of ten dollars be sent by the treasurer each month, when funds are available, to each Clergyman operating a car, to help defray the cost of operation upon Parochial duties.

Moved by Rev. G. Bratt, seconded by Mr. F. Whitcombe and resolved, that we as Clergy and Laity, pledge ourselves to do our utmost to raise apportionments in full each quarter of the year, thereby justifying the confidence of the Bishop and members of the Executive Committee in the members of Synod.

Moved by Rev. G. Bratt, seconded by Rev. E. Wright and resolved that the Treasurer of the Diocese be empowered to deduct the sum of five dollars each month, beginning January each year, from the stipend cheques of the Clergy until superannuation assessments are paid in full.

Moved by Rev. E. Wright, seconded by Rev. J. B. Owen, and resolved that:

Believing that the true relation of man to the land, the renaissance of village life, and the creation of a right relation between country and town, and between agriculture and other industries, are subjects of so great importance to the national future that their consideration brooks no delay; we endorse with strong emphasis the following passage from the findings of the Malvern Conference, 1941:

"We must recover reverence for the earth and its resources, treating it no longer as a reservoir of potential wealth to be exploited, but as a storehouse of divine bounty on which we utterly depend. This will carry with it a deliberate revival of agriculture, both by securing to the agricultural labourer good wages and to the farmer a secure and just price. We regard this as indispensable to the true balance of the national life."

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith, seconded by Rev. E. Wright and resolved that the members of this Synod here assembled do endorse the following ten points put forward by the two Anglican Archbishops, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and the Moderator of the Evangelical Free Church Council in England, in January of last year, with an additional clause concerning freedom of worship.

1. The right to life and independence of all nations, large, small, strong or weak, must be safeguarded.
2. Disarmament must be mutually accepted, organic and progressive both in letter and spirit.
3. International institutions must be created or recast to insure the loyal and faithful execution of international agreements.
4. Real needs and just demands of all nations and peoples should be benevolently examined.
5. A peace settlement must be dictated by a sense of acute responsibility which weighs human statutes according to the holy, unshaken rules of divine law.
6. Extreme inequality of wealth should be abolished.
7. Every child, regardless of race or class, should have equal opportunities for education suitable to its peculiar capacities.
8. The family as a social unit must be safeguarded.
9. The sense of divine vocation must be restored to man's daily work.
10. Resources of the earth should be used as God's gifts to the whole human race and used with due consideration for the needs of present and future generations.
11. The right of all nations and all individuals within nations to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith, seconded by Archdeacon Little and resolved that:

Whereas the Parish of St. James', Peace River, have found through the past years that they are unable to carry the extra burden placed upon them by the increased overhead of the Pro-Cathedral, and in view of the fact that the Church was built to fulfill the need of a Cathedral in the Diocese of Athabasca, and not only to serve the needs of the Parish of Peace River. It has been moved, seconded and passed by the Annual General Meeting of this Parish: "That at the forthcoming Synod, the diocese of Athabasca be asked to contribute at least one hundred dollars per year to be used to meet the increased operational costs of the Pro-Cathedral. The sum to be raised by a levy upon all Parishes."

The Committee's report upon Thanks, Greetings and Memorials was then presented by Dr. Pinkerton.

Resolved that we, the twentieth Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, place on record our thanks and appreciation of the following:

The Right Rev. A. H. Sovereign, M.A., D.D., our very beloved Bishop, for his so very able and continued efforts on our behalf.

The Ven. Archdeacon R. Little on account of his untiring efforts as Treasurer of the Diocese.

Chancellor Bury for his continued devotion to the affairs of the Diocese.

Mr. Norman Soars, Auditor, Peace River.

Miss Hasell and Miss Sayle, the various Van Workers and the Sunday School by Post Workers.

The Fellowship of the West, Montreal Branch, with particular reference to Goodwin.

The M.S.C.C., the Executive, especially including Rev. Canon Dixon, D.D.

The Colonial and Continental Church Society.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The Fellowship of the Maple Leaf.

The General Board of Religious Education.

The Council for Social Service.

The President, Wodehouse, the Treasurer, Mrs. Donaldson and the
Diocesan Secretary, Mrs. Lucas, of the Dominion W.A..

The President, St. James' W.A., Peace River.

The President, Athabasca Diocesan W.A., Mrs. R. Little, Athabasca.

The Honorable, The Minister of Education.

Save the Children Society.

Canadian Bible and Prayer Book Society.

Mr. Frank Richardson, Peace River.

The Press, including "The Athabasca Echo", "Grande Prairie Herald-Tribune" and "The Peace River Record-Gazette".

Radio Station CFGP.

GREETINGS TO: All absent Clergy and Lay Readers of the Diocese,
The Primate, Archbishop Harding, Right Rev. E. F. Robins, Bishop and
Mrs. Renison, Rev. Capt. W. Prior and Rev. Capt. N. Calland, on leave,
military service; Rev. A. H. Priest, D.D.

MEMORIALS: Mrs. Lillian Lamberton, Mrs. C. H. Quarterman,
Mrs. D. E. Buck.

Moved by Dr. Pinkerton, seconded by Mr. T. Smart and resolved that
this report be received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. T. Smart and resolved that
the Bishop and Secretary be given power to add to this list.

Moved by Mr. MacArthur, seconded by Archdeacon Little and re-
solved that the Secretary-Treasurer be paid an honorarium of two hundred
dollars a year.

Mr. R. P. Butler presented his report upon the Provincial Synod.

Moved by Mr. R. P. Butler, seconded by Mr. H. Dunster, and resolved
that this report be received and adopted.

Rev. G. Bratt reported for the Committee on Evangelism, this was
discussed in conjunction with the Laymen's clause on Evangelism. (Appen-
dix I.)

Moved by Rev. G. Bratt, seconded by Rev. E. Wright, and resolved
that this report be received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. H. Dunster, and resolved
"That we fully concur in the motion of the Athabasca Deanery Laymen's
Association in their motion 'That it would be to the welfare of this Diocese
if arrangements for an experienced Exangelist to conduct Missions through-
out the Diocese under the direction of the Rural Deans could be arranged
for and that we strongly recommend that the Rev. Canon J. D. Patterson
be secured for this purpose if at all possible.'"

Moved by Mr. H. Dunster, seconded by Rev. G. Bratt and resolved
that the Minutes and proceedings of the twentieth session of the Synod of
the Diocese be printed.

Moved by Rev. Capt. A. Lord, seconded by Rev. F. E. Smith and
resolved that this Synod do now adjourn.

The Bishop closed the session with prayer, remembering especially
the absent Clergy and the task before the allied nations and the Church.
The session ended with the singing of the Doxology.

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The Bishop's Charge

Reverend Brethren of the Clergy,
Brethren of the Laity,—

We meet on this fifth day of August, 1942, in the Twentieth Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca. The titanic struggle still continues and extends until it can be truthfully stated that the whole world is locked in this mighty conflict. It is not simply a war between opposing armies and battleships and air fleets; it is a struggle between ideals—between freedom and slavery, between liberty and oppression, between truth and falsehood, good and evil, love and fear, world brotherhood and the principles of the sharp tooth and the bloody claw. On the side of the United Nations stand Great Britain and the British Empire, the United States of America, Russia, China and twenty-three other nations. The Axis Nations include Germany, Italy, Japan and a few puppet Powers. God did not cause this war; man caused it and he may cause another if he wills it,—yet from the evil deeds of evil men, the Almighty God will bring that which is good, for they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Already the nation which chose the bombs as the instrument of her will is facing destruction from the bomb. She sees the dark clouds gathering about her; she sees the hand-writing on the wall.

What part does the Church of the Living God play in this vast drama? Has she a place? Has she a message? Yes, she has a place and a message.

This is the challenge which comes to us in this great struggle between Christianity and the forces of evil, not Christianity against Buddhism and Confucianism but against ideologies which are really religions, "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

In regard to this Diocese in particular, the war has brought many changes. The enlistment of our men and women in the Canadian Forces and in various War Services has taken so many from the active work of the Parishes in this Diocese. However, we are proud to hear from the Ministry of Information at Ottawa that the percentage of enlistment in the Peace River area is the highest in Canada. In one Parish, a virile branch of the A.Y.P.A. with 30 members has been reduced to a membership of two (2). There is a continuous flow of young people to the cities in nearby Dioceses but we rejoice to know that in a very large percentage of cases, these young people from the rural districts find a place of active life in the urban Churches.

The Diocese is also suffering from an acute shortage of Clergy due to enlistments in the Chaplains' Service, the closing of Parishes due to lack of funds, few Ordinands from the Theological Colleges, and also to the conditions of low salaries and heavy travelling expenses which have led some Clergy to accept Parishes in other Dioceses where salaries are much larger and where reasonable allowances are made for travelling expenses. Here I wish to pay tribute to the loyalty of the remaining Clergy of this Diocese who have so faithfully stood by this Missionary Diocese even though it be to their own financial hindrance. Verily they shall not be without their reward.

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How are we to face this shortage of Clergy?

1. By using the services of faithful women.

I am firmly convinced that our Church has lost much through its neglect to use the talents, powers and devotion of faithful woman.

The Lambeth Conference of 1930 passed the following resolution:

"This Conference wishes to insist on the great importance of offering to women of ability and education, who have received adequate special training, posts which provide full scope for their powers and bring to them real partnership with those who direct the work of the Church, and genuine responsibility for their share of it, whether in parish or diocese; so that such women may find in the Church's service a sphere for the exercise of their capacity."

In this Diocese, the value and place of women in Christian Work is being recognized—the Bishop's Messengers at Faust and North Star, Nurses at Hondo and Cherry Point, also a Doctor at Keg River, Nurses at Bishop Bompas Memorial Hospital at Fort Norman and Hay River Hospital, at Hay River, Matrons and teachers and supervisors in the Indian Schools, Van Workers and Sunday School by Post Women. These women are giving their full time to the Church's Work. The list does not include the endless roll-call of women of our Diocese who in Branches of the W.A., Choirs, Guilds, Sunday Schools, etc., etc., give of their talents and energies for the glory of God and His Kingdom. It is my earnest wish that our Church in this Diocese should more and more enlist consecrated women as laborers in Christ's Vineyard.

2. The use of Laymen.

"Our men must be made aware of present conditions and a vigorous attempt undertaken to enlist the great unused resources of man power in a spiritual crusade which will reach that great company of non-church members.

"May the laymen of Canada re-dedicate themselves to the Christian cause and make the world a better world, a more Christian world than it was before the war began."

But there is a complimentary side to this plan—the Clergy of the Church must be willing and ready to enlist the services of faithful Laymen. The most successful Rector is the one who makes himself dispensable. Here are men who are capable and who are willing and ready to assist. Let us give them the opportunity of serving their Church. The history of the Christian Church through the centuries amply manifests the great and valuable work which has been done for the Kingdom of God by Christlike Laymen—men like Wilberforce, Shaftesbury, Gypsy Smith, Henry Drummond, Dwight Lyman Moody and Dr. John R. Mott.

I refer especially to the work of Laymen as Lay Readers. Of these we have a goodly number—able, self-sacrificing, devoted. I have been astonished at the work which they have done in this Diocese, and delighted at the praise and commendation which have flowed from those who have received their ministrations. We require more Lay Readers, and I trust that the Clergy will seek out and train such men who are so willing to serve their Church in these critical days.

Time does not permit me to mention in detail the labours of Laymen as Wardens, members of Vestries, Choir members and in other avenues of efficient service for Christ and His Church.

3. By combination of Parishes.

This is neither practical nor desirable, for each Parish with its many

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associated Missions is so separated by great distances from so-called neighbouring Parishes, that any such plan is far from satisfactory. However, in one or two cases, we have been forced to use this method.

4. By Co-operation with other Churches.

This plan is now being used for this year of 1942 in reference to The United Church. A committee of five Bishops of our own Church has met twice this year with a committee of five Leaders of the United Church of Canada and some progress has been made in reaching agreement on certain principles of co-operation in Canada as a whole. During the Synod, the correspondence between the Bishop of this Diocese and the Rev. Dr. Powell, Superintendent of Missions for Alberta, will be tabled for your information and for your advice.

5. Through the Sunday School by Post.

Now that so many districts and homes are unshepherded the use of the Sunday School by Post plan becomes more and more necessary and effective. Reports of this most valuable avenue of service will be placed before you for your consideration.

THE AWAKENING NORTH

Today the far-flung Diocese of Athabasca is facing in a material way unprecedented development and material growth. First, there is the Alaska-Yukon Airway, which reaches from Edmonton by way of Grande Prairie and Fort St. John to Whitehorse in Yukon and to Fairbanks in Alaska. It is one of the great Life Lines of the Allied Nations. It will be more and more important in the plotting of a victory for the democracies. Parallel with this is the new Alaska highway which will follow largely the same route, and will open up in ways beyond our imagination this vast wonderland of the North. It is the only road which will link the new world with the old world. The late Lord Tweedsmuir's prophecy "The future of Canada lies in its Northland", is already being fulfilled and the vision realized.

The Peace River Country is developing in an agricultural way more and more—new farms are being taken up, bush land is being cleared, homes and barns are being erected, new roads are being graded and old roads are being gravelled. The Vancouver Sun in an editorial has stated: "The fertile lands of the Peace River Country will become, if they have not already become, the salvation of the agricultural life of Canada." I do hope that we will conserve this rich, fertile soil and that we will not follow selfish and short-sighted methods of farming which will take the humus and fibre from the soil and leave our fields the prey of the winds. Surely we have learned a lesson from the folly manifested in Southern Saskatchewan.

At Waterways there is a Salt Plant which is producing 350 tons of salt per week.

Not far away, there is the Abasand Plant for the extraction of oil and gasoline from endless Tar Sands. The Minister of Munitions stated in the House of Commons that these Tar Sands would be developed and that it might involve an expenditure of "tens of millions of dollars". It is estimated that there are one hundred billions of barrels of oil in these sands—an amount of oil equal to the known available oil resources of the world today. It is further stated that this illimitable reservoir of oil at Fort McMurray may be utilized in the making of synthetic rubber.

Yellowknife: Further extension of the mines already operating and the sending of special parties of geologists for further exploratory work in the Yellowknife area with the hope of finding further deposits of tungsten.

Fort Norman: The re-opening of the pitchblende mines (radium)

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at Great Bear Lake. The expansion of the present oil wells at Fort Norman and the drilling of new wells along with a plan to build a pipe line, 475 miles long, through the Rocky Mountains to the Alaska Highway and the Edmonton-Alaska Airline.

May God grant that our beloved Church will plan a spiritual advancement which will parallel this unprecedented material advancement.

There have been many changes in the personnel of the Clergy. We have received from other Dioceses the following Priests:

Rev. N. Burgomaster from the Diocese of Edmonton to be Rector of Fort Chipewyan.

Rev. Eric Wright from the Diocese of Saskatchewan to the Parish of Wembley.

Rev. J. H. Morris from the Diocese of Toronto to be Missionary at Fort Norman, N.W.T.

Rev. John B. Owen, B.A., from the Diocese of Montreal to the Parish of Goodwin under the Fellowship of the West, Montreal Branch.

Rev. W. K. Morrison, B.A., from Diocese of Nova Scotia to Fort McMurray.

Rev. A. L. Davis from Diocese of Rupert's Land to Principalship of Wabasca Indian School.

ORDINATIONS

Rev. Cecil Randell, B.A., L.Th., ordained to the Priesthood to be Missionary at Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Rev. George Pattison, B.A., ordained to the Priesthood to be Rector of the Parish of Fairview.

We are represented in His Majesty's Forces by three Chaplains:

Rev. Capt. W. Prior, B.A., B.D., 1st Canadian Scottish Regiment, Canadian Army Overseas.

Rev. Capt. Norman Calland, at present in Canada, 31st Reconnaissance Regiment, Sarcce Camp, Calgary, Alberta.

Rev. Capt. A. Lord, part time Chaplain at Grande Prairie.

Several other Priests of the Diocese have applied for Chaplaincies and have expressed their willingness to enlist—in fact, practically all of them have done so. We rejoice that the above three chaplains represent this Diocese and its Staff in the great struggle which the United Nations face. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and with their dear ones.

PRIESTS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DIOCESES

Rev. J. W. Donaldson, B.A., from the Parish of Spirit River to the Diocese of Huron.

Rev. B. J. Thorpe, M.A., from the Parish of Goodwin to the Diocese of Montreal. Mr. Thorpe is the first resident Priest of our Church in this Parish on the Sturgeon Lake Highway.

Rev. S. J. Bell from the Parish of Fairview to the Diocese of Edmonton.

Rev. J. H. Morris from Fort Norman, N.W.T., to the Diocese of Moosonee.

Rev. R. A. E. Ruch, B.A., from the Parish of Fort McMurray to the Diocese of Huron.

Rev. K. L. Sandercock from the Parish of Wembley to the Diocese of Columbia.

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Rev. D. G. Huether, B.A., from the Parish of Goldfields to the Diocese of Niagara.

Rev. H. L. Jennings, B.A., from Fort Norman to the Diocese of Huron.

Rev. H. E. Webb from the Parish of Sexsmith to the Diocese of Toronto. Mr. Webb was the first Rector of the Parish of Sexsmith.

Rev. T. Dale Jones from the Parish of Grande Prairie to the Diocese of Cariboo.

Mr. Arthur Chapman, S.Th., Stipendiary Lay Reader, from the Parish of Clear Hills and Battle River to the Diocese of Caledonia.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES

Since last Synod the following Churches have been consecrated:

St. Andrew's Church, Lac La Biche, presented to the Diocese by an English friend in Croydon, through the Colonial and Continental Church Society.

Holy Trinity Church, Yellowknife, built largely by the Rector himself with hammer and saw.

St. John's Church, Little Smoky, the materials being a gift from an English friend through the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf. The work was done entirely through the voluntary labour of the Parishioners. Not a cent was spent on wages.

We rejoice that several new Churches have been erected and consecrated to the Glory of God. They stand as perpetual reminders of the supremacy of the spiritual.

CONSECRATION OF CEMETERIES

St. John's Church Cemetery, Little Smoky.

HONOURS

I also wish to make announcement that I have made the Rev. H. G. Cook, B.A., of St. David's Church, Fort Simpson, N.W.T., a Canon of St. James' Cathedral, Peace River, and an Honorary Canon of the Diocese. Rev. Canon Cook has been at Fort Simpson for seven years and is known and loved and respected by all in his own Parish and by the many travellers by sea and land and air in the Valley of the mighty Mackenzie.

It is also my pleasure to announce the appointment of Rev. Captain Arthur Lord, L.Th., as Rural Dean of the Deanery of Grande Prairie. It has been customary in the past to honour in this way the Rector of Grande Prairie and the Parish of Grande Prairie.

REGISTRARSHIP

We deeply regret to report the death of Mr. W. Dixon Craig, K.C., who for many years served as Registrar of the Diocese of Athabasca. He brought to this Diocese his legal knowledge and a background of experience which were freely used and given for the good of the Diocese and the Kingdom of God. In his place, the Bishop after consultation with the members of the Executive Council of the Diocese appointed Mr. V. R. Baldwin, K.C., of Peace River, Alberta. Unfortunately Mr. Baldwin has been seriously ill for several months but is now recovering. During his absence, the work has been done by his son, Mr. G. W. Baldwin. We are deeply grateful to these two legal friends for their work and advice.

TREASURERSHIP

During these many years, the office of Treasurer has been held by Ven. Archdeacon Robert Little, D.D. No one could have served his Diocese and Church more faithfully and thoughtfully than Archdeacon Little, whom

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we all love. During the past ten years the work of the Treasurer has been greatly increased and yet the Archdeacon carried this extra task so cheerfully and efficiently. At the same time he has served a Parish which is almost the size of a Diocese, which reaches from Wandering River and Lac La Biche to Athabasca and from Smith to the Edmonton-Waterways railroad. Many of us wonder how he has ever been able to fill the dual positions with such thought and care. He has intimated that it was his wish to relinquish the office of Treasurer not only because of the multitude of tasks within his own Parish but also to further the plan of centering all financial work in one town and in one bank. After a consultation with all members of the Executive of the Diocese, the resignation of the Archdeacon was accepted and Rev. F. E. Smith was appointed Treasurer. I would wish this appointment to be confirmed by this Synod. I trust there will be an opportunity given to the Synod to express the gratitude of every member of the Diocese to Archdeacon Little for all that he has done as Treasurer for the well-being of this far-flung Diocese. At the present time, I wish, as Bishop, to say with deep sincerity,—Thank you.

LAY READERS

Mr. Stanley Young of Peace River has moved from the Diocese to Eastern Canada and therefore has resigned. I have been very pleased to appoint Mr. George H. Crane-Williams of Dimsdale, Alberta, in the parish of Wembley as Lay Reader. For many, many years in many parts of the world, Mr. Crane-Williams has served his Church as a faithful and efficient Layman and Lay Reader. He is a man of many talents and he is so willing to use them in the service of his Church and the Kingdom of God.

IN MEMORIAM

THE REV. HUGH WHITTICKS LAMBERTON

On Tuesday, July 7th, the Reverend Hugh Whitticks Lamberton passed away in a Calgary hospital. He had been receiving surgical and medical treatment for an aggravated bronchial condition since the beginning of the year and was doing well until an internal infection suddenly developed and the end came very quickly.

It will be seven years in October since he was brought down to Edmonton from Fort Vermilion, in the Diocese of Athabasca, with frozen feet. He had been caught out in an early blizzard while visiting some of his parishioners. After amputation of several toes his feet healed but a long battle with tuberculosis of the lungs commenced. However, by the summer of 1939 he was well enough to take some duty at Vernon parish Church in Kootenay Diocese but a recurrence of the disease made it necessary for him to return to hospital in Calgary. He had been devoting time to theological study during his convalescence and received the diploma of Scholar in Theology from his Alma Mater in May, 1940. Last year saw him much improved in health and occasionally rendering assistance to the Calgary Clergy with high hopes of further service in a Parish of his own once again.

Mr. Lamberton was of a gentle, kindly nature, very thoughtful and with the touch of a mystic; deeply devoted to duty and with a realistic sense of his high calling as a Priest of the Church of God. His call to higher service came at the early age of thirty-nine years. He literally gave his life in service to his Church and his God. He never fully recovered from the effects of tragic wanderings while lost for those two long days and nights in a northern wilderness during a blizzard. During his conva-

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lescence, his Bishop once said to him,—“Get better soon, and I will endeavor to obtain a curacy for you in some English parish where the work would not call for such physical vigour.” He answered,—“No, I was trained for work in Canada; I wish to remain and labour in Canada.”

Mrs. Lamberton was no less brave as she shouldered responsibilities and faced hardships, trying to do double duty.

We thank God for the life and labours of Hugh Lamberton. He fought a good fight; he has finished his course; he receives the crown of righteousness.

The influence of his devoted and courageous life will inspire many. His example will not be forgotten. After life's fitful fever, he sleeps. “They rest from their labours and their works do follow them.”

MRS. MARIA HATLEY LUCAS

Mrs. Maria Hatley Lucas, widow of Bishop J. R. Lucas of Mackenzie River, a pioneer Church of England missionary in the Canadian West, died in her home in Toronto April 26. She had been in poor health for some time.

Native of England, Mrs. Lucas came to Canada in 1893 to marry Bishop Lucas, then a missionary in charge of the work at Fort Chipewyan. Fourteen years later they moved to Fort Simpson, where her husband was made Archdeacon of Mackenzie River and later bishop of that region.

Mrs. Lucas served so faithfully in this great Northland and her influence was very far-reaching. We thank God for a life so full of good works. She is called to a greater work in the Paradise of God.

MR. D. E. BUCK

We regret to record the death of Mr. D. E. Buck of Slave Lake, Alberta. For these many years he has served as Warden and as Treasurer for the Mission of Slave Lake. Year by year he has given of his best. We will miss him greatly. We thank God for men like Mr. D. E. Buck. We pray that God may be with his dear ones to comfort, strengthen and guide.

MOST REV. S. P. MATHESON

We are also very sorry to record the death of the Most Rev. S. P. Matheson, retired Archbishop of Rupert's Land, and former Primate of the Church of England in Canada. Archbishop Matheson ranked for a generation as the leading figure of the Church of England in Canada until his retirement in 1931. An able administrator, a man of unusual executive ability, he was endowed with exceptional powers of leadership. These, combined with his natural humility and personal charm, enlarged his sphere of influence far beyond the bounds of the Church of which he was official head.

RESIGNATIONS

At the last session of the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, the Most Rev. M. M. Harding, D.D., intimated that it was his wish to resign, the said resignation to take effect on December 31, 1942. As Bishop of Qu'Appelle and as Archbishop of Rupert's Land, he has served long and faithfully and well. He has seen great forward movements of population and spiritual endeavour. He has left the impress of a great life upon Canada's Western Land. We pray that he may still be given many years among the many friends who have known him through these passing years and have learned to admire and love him.

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RECORDS

I make an earnest plea that all Clergy and Church Wardens and other officers of our Churches and Parishes should give special attention to the preparation and the care of all records which have a place in our Parochial and Diocesan life. First, may I ask that all records which are being prepared today, all entries in all Parochial books and registers, should be most carefully made; that all entries should be in ink and that the said entries should be written in a legible hand-writing. This includes the record of the weekly or daily services in all Parishes and in all Churches. I ask that an accurate record of the attendance at each service should be kept and also of the collection or offering at each service. These should be entered in the service register after the money has been counted, the amount entered in its place and initialled by the Church Warden, the Treasurer or other officer. This will give a permanent record not only for the present but for those who take our places when we have departed. I ask also that a most careful entry should be made of all Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Burials. These should be entered in their respective books or places at the time of the service.

Then I would earnestly appeal to you to see that these records be kept most carefully in a convenient and safe place, if possible in a safe or fire-proof box. In two of our Parishes, Fort Simpson and Wabasca, there have been fires in days gone by and all records were completely destroyed and lost. Please keep all record books so that in case of a fire they could be very easily and quickly removed to a safe place. These records are important not only from an Ecclesiastical value but also as records of information which are of legal value. If record books have been filled in any Parish and if there is no safe place for the storage of these old registers, may we ask that they be sent to the Bishop at Peace River, who will see that they are placed in the safety deposit box in the Bank at Peace River, where a special box has been prepared.

Again, may I ask that all Clergy and all members of our Churches should become historically minded. The majority of the Parishes through their Clergy have prepared historical records of their respective Parishes and Churches. The most complete and voluminous of these records was prepared by Rev. G. A. Crawley while at Fort Chipewyan in a document which covered over two hundred pages of foolscap. It is a most complete and accurate history of the Parish of Fort Chipewyan which covers seventy-five years. We are deeply grateful to him and I trust that other Parishes may go and do likewise. I would also mention the most valuable work which is being done by Mrs. Robert Little, the Diocesan President of our W.A., who for some years has been gathering material of the most valuable character and has been quietly recording and compiling records which cover history and biography in relation to former days in the Diocese of Athabasca.

I am asking you at this Synod to appoint a Convener of Archives whose special work it will be to care for this most important aspect of our Diocesan life. There are living today men and women of an advanced age who remember well the earliest days in the Peace River Country. With their departing, most valuable information will be lost. Will you all help and do your part in obtaining accurately all historical data in relation to our Diocese as a whole and Parishes and Churches also.

May I now refer with thankfulness to the Forward Missionary Movement in our own Church in Canada. For years, the amounts apportioned by the M.S.C.C. were looked upon as objectives rather than obligations.

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The Diocese which paid its Apportionment in full was the exception. We were so accustomed to trailing deficits that the ecclesiastical conscience became calloused and hardened, so that no one worried greatly about the matter. Partially paid apportionments meant partially paid Grants. It was most disconcerting and discouraging in its results and unworthy of our Church. Now all this has been changed. Under the wise and energetic Chairmanship of the Bishop of Calgary and by the blessing of God, 1941 saw the obligation of \$330,000 completely met; in fact, overpaid. Every Diocese in Canada paid in full, with one exception, and some overpaid. This Diocese paid in full, as it usually does, but this was accomplished only through the Rectors of all Parishes, the energy of Wardens and Vestrymen, and the generosity of the individual members of all Parishes. We praise God for the new era, and we pray that we may never return to "the bad old days". We thank God and take courage.

In this address I also wish to express my gratitude to all those who have done so much and who have given so much within the confines of our own Diocese and also those outside of our Diocese who have been wonderful friends to the Diocese of Athabasca and to Christ's work within its borders.

EDUCATION

I would now draw your attention to a most important and fundamental subject—Education.

At the first Session of the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada held fifty years ago, a Pastoral Letter was composed by the assembled Bishops and in it, the following paragraph is found:

"It is a great encouragement to be assured that there are indications of growing dissatisfaction in the community with the absence of religious instruction from our public schools.

"The General Synod has put on record its judgment that 'Religious teaching in our public schools is absolutely necessary in order to fulfill the true purpose of education and to conserve the highest interests of the nation at large.' We urge all who are willing to be guided by us to use their influence to bring the education and training of the young into a true and close connection with the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"It is not right that any part of the child's life should be separate from religion, its influence and its lessons."

There is nothing sectarian nor denominational in this principle thus enunciated. It is fundamental and basic in human personality. Education as usually accepted today means only the learning of certain secular facts, and a training of the mind or intellect. But a child has a body and is a soul. However we pay very little attention to physical education and practically no attention to religious education. We are in grave danger of moulding clever rogues, and a clever rogue is a greater peril to society than an ignorant rogue, for his crimes will be more subtle and his escape more carefully planned.

No education is worthy of the name which does not include an ethical training—a knowledge of right and wrong, the awakening of the conscience and the direction of the will in right doing.

But there can be no satisfactory, effective or permanent ethical training without a religious basis. Even Huxley admitted this principle. Ethical ideals cannot be left in mid-air like Mahomet's coffin; they must rest on something solid, a rock foundation, and that must be religion. In other words, religion must be a part of the curriculum of our schools. I know there are difficulties but they are not insuperable. Religion is being

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taught in the Schools at Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge and at several other points. We also welcome the amendment to the Alberta School Act, as passed this Spring:

"Section 147.—All Schools shall be opened by the reading, without explanation or comment, of a passage of Scripture to be selected from those prescribed or approved by the minister, to be followed by the recitation of the Lord's Prayer."

For this we, as a Province, are deeply grateful—but it is only a beginning. True education must include the unfolding of the child's spiritual nature, a knowledge of the Bible, a vision of God the Father Almighty, the revelation of God through Jesus Christ the Son of God and an appreciation of His Teaching, His Life, His Death and Resurrection. Otherwise we build on sand, and the house will fall!

Among the many principles which must permeate a New World is that "every child, regardless of race or class, should have equal opportunities for education suitable to its peculiar capacities." In other words, wealth should not be the deciding factor in the means of development of a child's powers and talents.

In this Diocese, this important principle has been successfully implemented by Archdeacon and Mrs. Little in the erection of two Hostels at Athabasca—one for boys and one for girls. Twelve boys and fifteen girls, whose parents are comparatively poor, have been able to gain a complete High School education. One has won the Governor General's Medal for high standing. The school authorities co-operate fully in this excellent venture. We commend this plan and heartily congratulate Archdeacon and Mrs. Little on the realization of this laudable vision. Let us not be afraid to try new plans or to venture on new trails. If we are failing to catch fish on one side of the boat, let us not hesitate to cast the net on the other side. Edouard Daladier, the former Premier of France, said to the War-Guilt trials:

"Hatred of novelty, hatred of change, hatred of intellectual daring,—those are the things that paralyzed the French army."

In Christ's Kingdom, it is always dawn.

Finally I summon you to the Church's greatest task—the Church's real task—the winning of souls for Jesus the Christ, the nurturing of souls in the unfolding of the spiritual life within the fellowship of the Church, the proclamation of the Gospel of the New Life to all mankind, far and near. We are not simply custodians of a past treasure; we are leaders in a great crusade. We will not only sing "There is a Happy Land far, far away"—but we will work and pray for a happier land on earth, here and now. Do not remain satisfied to minister to the ninety and nine within the fold; let us go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. Through the saving power of the Cross of Jesus Christ, let us seek to make bad men good and good men better. In other words a New World must be a Christian World, a redeemed world. There is no other way.

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THE DEANERY OF MACKENZIE RIVER

Since the Synod of 1940 three of the seven Parishes comprising the Deanery of Mackenzie River have become vacant. The Parishes of Goldfields, Fort Smith and Fort Norman are now without the Services of the Church of England. This unfortunate state of affairs is due in a large measure to lack of funds. At Fort Norman we have an important native congregation and no Minister to serve them. Fortunately the Chief is of our Faith and credit is due him for keeping many of our Indians at this point from "wandering". At the other two vacant parishes, no native congregations exist.

The Reverend S. E. Richards and Mrs. Richards have completed four years of commendable work at Hay River. Many duties, other than clerical, are required of the Missionary at this post yet time is found to make frequent visits to distant Indian Camps. Nurse Neville's faithful service at her little hospital at Hay River is appreciated by all in the district.

The work at Yellowknife expands with the passing years. Rev. C. Randell has been with our Mission there since its inception.

The Mission of Chipewyan has, for the past two years been in the able hands of the Reverend H. Burgomaster.

Fort Simpson, the oldest parish in the Diocese, is still a strong Anglican centre on the Mackenzie.

Dire need is felt for more adequate schooling facilities for our Indian children. At present no Anglican Residential School is within the Deanery and many parents dislike their children being sent to Aklavik because it is too distant. The war has curtailed new construction of schools but it is to be hoped that with the coming of Peace, a moderate capacity Residential School will be founded somewhere on the upper Mackenzie.

The Bishop Bompas Memorial Hospital at Norman is doing a good work and indications are that its usefulness will be appreciated even more as time goes by.

The North is becoming increasingly important to Canada's war effort. Numerous projects are under way; the population is increasing and will continue to increase and the work of the Christian Missionary will take on added significance. We of the North sincerely hope that the Church will be in a position to accept these added responsibilities. The Church of England has a wonderful heritage in the North; may we never fail it.

HENRY G. COOK, Rural Dean.

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RURAL DEANERY OF ATHABASCA

The visit of Miss Mary Holtby, from the Canadian Mission in Kangra, left us much to think about, and we rejoice that plans are being made to collect funds for a Hospital at Palampur.

The visit of the M.S.C.C. Field Secretary has been a very real uplift to us all. While with us in the Athabasca Deanery, Mr. Watts addressed 14 meetings, at points 200 miles apart, with an aggregate attendance of 650.

We are deeply indebted to Miss Hasell for her continuous interest and help. All her workers have done excellent work, and have kept open during the winters the Missions at Lac La Biche, Grassland, Wandering River and Pleasant Valley. Special mention should be made of Miss Barlee's work at Grassland during the past four winters; with Cubs and Scouts, Weekday

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classes and Sunday Services, she has made it possible for the children there to have graded instruction. The day school at Grassland has 70 pupils on roll, and they all attended her classes to some extent.

Miss Paris and Mrs. Cole, during the summer of 1941 continued our usual plan of Vacation Schools where possible, and daily classes for a week or two in adjacent school districts. As we have 110 schools in which we are interested, we could use another van to advantage.

This summer we are delighted to have Miss Sawyer and Miss Paris on our van; both are skilled teachers, and they have worked together during the winter.

We are most fortunate in having an extra van for this year for the months of July and August; St. Richard of Koorna van, in charge of Miss Stanley and Miss Williston.

Adequate accounts of the new Girls' Hostel have appeared in the Peace Messenger, regarding the start of the building and the use of the unfinished structure. Synod would perhaps be interested to know that in the past four years, our Hostel Students have come from eighteen points where services have been held, in the Colinton and Athabasca Parishes, and the students have been drawn from twenty school districts so far.

ROBT. LITTLE, Archdeacon, Rural Dean.

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RURAL DEANERY OF PEACE RIVER

Since my appointment as Rural Dean of the Peace River Deanery, in August 1940, I have not had the opportunity of visiting all the parishes.

It is with regret that we report Mission Parishes being reduced to the status of Associated Missions—Hines Creek and Clear Hills; Hines Creek to the Parish of Fairview and Clear Hills to the Parish of Berwyn.

Arrangements has been made between His Lordship the Bishop and the District Superintendent of Missions of The United Church for a United Church Student to serve Hines Creek during the summer months, using our house and Church. The Rector of Fairview will visit periodically for Baptisms and Celebration of the Holy Communion. This arrangement is gladly accepted as it will release the Rector of Fairview for the more important task of strengthening his own parish.

Clear Hills is being provided for by fortnightly services during the open season and once a month in winter time. This is made possible by a re-planning of services in the Berwyn parish for the summer time and the co-operation of the Bishop during the winter season.

Since last Synod in 1940 several changes have taken place within the Deanery. These changes have interrupted the continuity of the work in some parishes. The Parish of Fairview has had three Rectors within the past two years.

Three lady workers have resigned from the Diocese—Miss S. Stewart, Miss N. Schroot of North Star, Miss J. Sewell of Grimshaw. These ladies contributed faithfully to the spiritual and social wellbeing of the people committed to their charge.

Miss J. Lawrence resigned from her post at North Star to take her place among those faithful and tried workers, recorded in the Synod Journal—"The Wives of the Clergy".

I am happy to say that we still have with us Miss M. Stockford, who is doing splendid work at Faust. Under Miss Stockford's leadership the Church there is being strengthened year by year.

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No report would be complete without mention of the untiring efforts of the W.A. Branches in the Deanery, who continue to work faithfully and well in every parish.

"X-A-Carpe" meaning "Very Good", is the name given to the Peace River Deanery Camp which was held for the first time in July last year. The Clergy and Lady Workers felt that to have one large camp upon which we could combine our efforts would be more far reaching in effect than the individual or parochial camp. After the camp of last year this proved to be true and we are looking forward to the second camp to be held this year. It is hoped that in the future we may secure a permanent Camp Site, but for the present the camp is held at Bear Lake, near Berwyn.

Might I mention the matter of Apportionments. With the exception of the Parish of High Prairie all parishes are having a very difficult time. High Prairie has always been commendable in the matter of meeting apportionments. They even excel themselves in providing part of the transportation for their Rector.

All parishes in the Deanery met their apportionments in full for the past two years and are listed among the Honour Parishes of the Diocese.

A new Church, St. John's, has been built and consecrated at Smokey Triangle, Parish of High Prairie. The funds for this Church were provided for by the Fellowship of The Maple Leaf.

St. George's, Enilda, is to receive a coat of paint this summer, the funds being provided for by the W.A.

St. Albans, Three Lakes, Parish of Berwyn, will celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of its consecration on June 21st.

The Deanery Chapter continues to meet twice yearly, Spring and Fall. The fellowship of these meetings is most helpful.

Respectfully submitted, G. BRATT, R.D.

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DEANERY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE

Since last Synod the Deanery of Grande Prairie has seen many changes. Rev. K. L. Sandercock resigned from the Parish of Wembley, having accepted a position in the Diocese of British Columbia. His place has been taken by Rev. Eric Wright who came to us from the Diocese of Saskatchewan and is doing good work. Rev. B. J. Thorpe sponsored by the Fellowship of the West returned to the Diocese of Montreal and was succeeded by the Rev. B. J. Owen. Rev. J. Donaldson left Spirit River for the Diocese of Huron. Rev. H. E. Webb has gone to the Diocese of Toronto and the Rev. Norman Calland has joined His Majesty's Forces and is at present stationed at Calgary. The Rural Dean himself after eight years in the Diocese has been appointed Rector of the Cathedral Church for St. Paul, Kamloops, in the Diocese of Cariboo. With so many changes having taken place, a new start will be made in the work of the Deanery. Rev. Arthur Lord of Fort McMurray has succeeded Mr. Jones at Grande Prairie and Mr. Crane-Williams of Dimsdale has joined the noble rank of Diocesan Lay Readers and is assisting Mr. Wright at Wembley and Beaverlodge.

The work at Cherry Point was ably carried out during the summer of 1941 by Mr. Suthurst of Wycliffe College. Miss Hasell's Van-workers of 1940 Miss Delmer Burritt and Miss Janet Lawrence and in 1941 Miss Sylvia Creve and Miss Bee all did good work throughout the Deanery.

No building programmes were accomplished although material has

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been procured for the building of a small church at Fish Creek in the Parish of Goodwin. The church at Willowvale in the Parish of Spirit River is being erected. Considerable disruption of services in all areas was caused by the excessive wet weather which we had both in the spring and the fall. During the fall and winter the work at Spirit River was cared for by Miss Esther Turnbull and Miss Bee with the help of Rev. H. E. Webb and the Rural Dean who went alternative months for Communion.

With the establishment of the Training camp at Grande Prairie, and the extension of the Air Services and the building of a Dominion Government Air field, and now the prospect of the Alaska Highway being built through the territory, great developments are expected. Thanks are due Canon Proctor of Pouce Coupe for his kindness in taking care of Cherry Point for the winter. The Church of St. Matthew, Wembley, has been improved by the addition of a porch.

T. DALE JONES, Rural Dean.

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REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BY POST

During the last 12 months the work of the Sunday School by Post has tended to decrease, rather than increase, as many families are moving out, a few Sunday schools have been started, and the state of the roads last summer prevented many districts from being visited by the Vans.

There are now 4,751 members, 1,812 families, of the Sunday School by Mail, and as the numbers decrease it is hoped to make this "Correspondence Course" of Religious Education more of a reality, and to this end more co-operation of Parish Priests and Parents is greatly to be desired.

At present 2,839 papers (in five grades) are despatched every four weeks, and though the number sending in their answers is disappointing, 65 did good and regular work during the twelve months, and have received Books (provided by Miss Hasell) and 36 have been sent Certificates of Merit. Twenty six have written the G.B.R.E. "Test" this year. Mae Wall, Mirror Landing, has gained the Dominion prize for juniors with 97%. Neil Madson, Wembley, has gained an R.T.S. award of a Bible. Since January 1941, we have sent out 65 Bibles and New Testaments, and 16 Canadian Prayer Books. First Class Certificates, 8; Second Class, 6. Last year the Bishop Stringer Memorial Gold Medal came to this Diocese, when Marie Berry, of Grosmont gained that distinction with 98%.

As the finances of the Sunday School by Post is now on a new footing, Bishop Sovereign wrote a letter which was sent to all members at the New Year, asking them, wherever possible, to pay for their papers fifty cents per annum. The result has been very gratifying, and \$120 has been sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, and the Vanners will probably gather in more subscriptions as they visit. Also with the subscriptions many very appreciative letters have been received, saying how much the papers are used and enjoyed by many families to whom it is their only link with the Church. As a further link with the children a "Birthday Book" has been started by Miss Eastwood. A card is sent on the anniversary; this is appreciated.

Before closing this Report I would like to thank those of the Clergy who co-operate by sending in names of families who should receive Sunday School by Post; it is not necessary to wait for the Van, and some of the most lonely and isolated families may be missed out by strangers.

C. W. SEAMAN, Superintendent.

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COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

Since the last Synod it has been impossible for the members of the Council for Social Service to meet. All business has been carried on by correspondence which is consequently not so effective. The following problems have been dealt with during the past two years:

1. EVACUEES: We wish to report that there are only four evacuees in this Diocese, all wards of Anglican relatives. They are well treated and are apparently happy.

2. TRAVELLING LIBRARIES. Most of the clergy have been supplied with travelling libraries for the use of their congregations. Two plans have been adopted equally—that of keeping all books in a central location, the other that of letting a responsible person in the district take charge of a box for circulation. Only two parishes exchanged books. These books are generally appreciated.

3. THE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF CLOTHING: This has been reduced considerably. That which is still given out is to needy families who would otherwise suffer, or to families who do not request clothing but whose hard circumstances are known to the rector. Very little now reaches people who make a "racket" of this matter. At the northern Mission Posts, the distribution of clothing is well supervised.

4. THE LIQUOR QUESTION: The extent and seriousness of this evil is brought home to us in this time of urgency and demand. Liquor is not a stimulant, it is a narcotic—a drug. Its evil effects are seen in the ranks of the services and in the workers on the home front.

It is known by scientific tests that the efficiency of workers and soldiers will be inevitably reduced seriously, by what is ordinarily considered a moderate use of alcohol.

In the recent Red Cross Drive Canada was congratulated on raising \$9,000,000. Yet Canada in one year spends over \$200,000,000 on drink.

We are rationed on tea, sugar, and coffee, yet there is no curb on the sale of liquor. The advertising of machinery is prohibited, yet the liquor interests are given the freedom to display and advertise their product as widely as they wish. Numbers of young men in the Services who did not drink are encouraged to consume this enemy of man's body and soul.

Your Council has supported the Anti-liquor Campaign. We secured from the Canadian Temperance Federation, literature and posters for the use of the clergy and requested them to make the evils of liquor known. We appeal to all our people to lend their support to curb this evil before it ruins our nation.

Respectfully submitted, C. R. LANG, Chairman.

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DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA

GENERAL DIOCESAN ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1940

INCOME

Balance on Hand from 1939		\$	125.34
Received from:			
S.P.G.			1,703.83
C.C.C.S.			1,770.00
M.S.C.C.			19,491.28
Dominion W. A.			1,585.00
General Synod O.C.F.			376.54
Rentals			296.00
From Diocesan Sources:			
For Stipends	\$4,879.46		
G.B.R.E.	70.00		
M.S.C.C.	1,045.90		
C.S.S.	68.00		
Missions to Jews	46.75		
Diocesan Synod Exp.	115.31		
M.S.C.C. (West. Appeal)	343.40		
Continental Missions	6.00	\$	6,574.82
Government Educational Grants			1,150.00
Special Donations for Sexsmith and McMurray			663.32
Donations for Stipend Fund			338.49
Sale of Diocesan Property			542.45
Amounts Rec'd. in Trust:			
Sunday School by Post	\$ 16.17		
Miss Hasell (Vans)	252.50	\$	268.67
New Westminster. Donation for Van Work			53.23
Government Grants for Services (Meteorological, etc.)			488.00
Donation for Upkeep of Students Car			50.00
Repayment of Loan by Parish			100.00
Refunds:			
Mr. G. Pattison	\$ 10.00		
Fairbanks W. A.	9.07		
J. Ruether, Taxes	5.07		
Revd. A. St Clair Neild	20.00		
Tax	.90		
Rev. N. Burgomaster	5.56		
Pension Acct.	9.05		
Fort Chipewyan	14.57	\$	74.22
Loans from Bank			2,947.29
Sundries			1.00
			\$38,599.78

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EXPENDITURES			
Clergy Stipends		\$23,789.61	
Insurance		450.88	
Itinerating		746.10	
Travelling		1,113.13	
Land Taxes		779.73	
Printing and Typing		691.40	
Stationery and Postage, Telegrams		317.80	
General Synod Boards:			
M.S.C.C.	\$1,376.65		
G.B.R.E.	68.44		
C.S.S.	64.00	1,509.09	
Mackenzie River Deanery Freight:			
For Clergy	375.25		
For Missions	63.01	438.26	
Diocesan Synod Expenses		133.05	
Summer Students:			
Salaries	\$ 630.00		
Itinerating	72.05		
Travelling	131.70	\$ 833.75	
Church House Furnishings		438.10	
Payments for Church Property		160.00	
Expended on Church Buildings		342.95	
Parish Equipment		179.16	
Assessments:			
General Synod	\$ 10.00		
Provincial Synod	17.63		
Faith and Order	1.00	\$ 28.63	
Amounts Transferred:			
Maple Leaf Trust	\$ 250.00		
Fort Norman Hospital	473.00		
Sunday School by Post	16.17	\$ 739.17	
Miss Hasell, Van Fund		252.50	
Pension Fund Revenue Acct.		210.00	
Medical Help for Clergy Family		48.00	
Hay River Hospital		22.50	
Loan to Parish		100.00	
Land Transfer Fees		41.70	
Rent		22.15	
G.B.R.E. Supplies Dept.:			
Year Books	\$ 13.00		
S. S. Service Books	3.50	\$ 16.50	
Imperial Oil Co., Calgary		32.00	
Interest on Sexsmith Endowment		32.80	
British and Foreign Bible Society, Bibles		6.25	
Moyers School Supplies		41.03	
Audit Fees		10.00	
Repayment of Bank Loans		4,011.45	
Cheques charged in error, to be transferred		14.30	
		\$37,551.99	
Balance in Banks	\$3,033.67		
Less Outstanding Cheques	1,985.88	1,047.79	
		\$38,599.78	

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DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA

GENERAL DIOCESAN ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1941

INCOME

Balance in Banks, from previous year		\$ 1,047.79
Received from:		
C.C.C.S.		1,328.00
M.S.C.C.		14,843.12
Dommon W. A.		1,642.50
General Synod, O.C.F.		376.42
rentals		70.00
Diocesan Sources:		
For Stipend	\$5,310.57	
M.S.C.C.	1,525.26	
G.B.R.E.	108.00	
C.S.S.	101.30	
M.S.C.C. for Jews	37.15	
D.P.A.A.	61.00	\$ 7,143.28
Government Educational Grants		1,020.37
Govt. Grant, Metrological Services		608.63
Donations for Stipend Fund		442.77
Amounts Received in Trust:		
Sunday School by Post	\$ 116.00	
Wandering River, for purchase of cottage	45.00	
Travelling expenses, for Rev. D. G. Huether	100.00	
Fort Vermilion for Hall	10.00	
Peace Messenger Fund	5.00	
1940 Pen. Fund Rev. Acct.	19.70	\$ 295.70
Sale of Church Property		1,010.00
Fire Insurance Loss on St. Mary's, Parkland		926.90
Refunds:		
Imperial Oil Co.	\$ 24.00	
Province of Alberta	5.06	
Holy Trinity, Big Coulee	12.10	
Miss Drummond Hay	2.00	
Fort Chipewyan, Book Acct.	40.20	
St. Hilda's, Toronto, Freight	10.39	
Taxes remitted	21.15	\$ 114.90
Donation for upkeep of Student's car		25.00
Sale of Shingles, Fort Simpson		13.00
Payments, Fairview Car		38.00
Pension Fund, under remitted		.20
		\$30,946.88

I hereby certify that the attached statements show a true and correct view of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Diocese of Athabasca, according to the best of my knowledge and belief and the information supplied to me.

NORMAN SOARS, Diocesan Auditor.

28th February, 1942.

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EXPENDITURES

Clergy Stipends	\$19,565.43	
Fire Insurance Premiums	397.81	
Itinerating Expenses	725.07	
Travelling Expenses	675.68	
Land and Property Taxes	657.12	
Office Expenses, Stenographer's Salary, etc.	1,033.55	
General Synod Boards:		
M.S.C.C.	\$1,331.82	
G.B.R.E.	100.00	
C.S.S.	80.00	
Pensions Board	57.45	\$ 1,569.27
Mackenzie River Deanery:		
Freight for Clergy	\$ 315.06	
Freight for Missions	185.87	
1940 Freight Charges	33.89	\$ 534.82
Summer Students:		
Salaries	\$ 395.00	
Itinerating	92.85	
Travelling	14.75	\$ 502.60
Assessments:		
General Synod	\$ 10.00	
Provincial Synod	17.63	
Faith and Order	3.00	\$ 30.63
Amounts Transferred:		
Maple Leaf Trust	\$ 200.00	
Fort Norman Hospital	700.00	
Sunday School by Post	116.00	\$ 1,016.00
Expended on Church Property		151.53
Purchase of Church Property		205.00
Fort Chipewyan School Building Fund		113.98
Pension Fund Revenue Account		228.40
Sexsmith Endowment Interest		32.80
Hudson's Bay Company, Hay River Mission (two yrs.)		400.00
G.B.R.E.: Year Books, 17.36; Sunday School, 4.00		21.36
Rentals		5.15
Church Property Furnishings		126.55
Outfit for Clergy		25.15
Upkeep of Clergy Car		38.00
Legal Expenses		60.00
Audit Fees		10.00
Registration Fees		5.00
Bank Charges		.50
Repayment of Bank Loan, 1940		1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$29,131.00	
Balance in Bank Pass Books	\$2,907.56	
Less Outstanding Cheques	1,091.68	\$ 1,815.88
		\$30,946.88

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DIOCESAN BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS

With the visit of Rev. Harding Priest, the Western Field Secretary to the Diocese in the fall of 1941 an intensive campaign was held to further develop the plan of the clergy teaching in the schools. In as many parishes as possible meetings were arranged for Mr. Priest whereby he was able to meet the respective school boards and in many instances a favorable result was obtained. In the Deanery of Grande Prairie every Parish except one the Rector avails himself of the opportunity of going into the school every week. Grande Prairie, the whole ministerial work on a definite plan from Christmas to Easter, Wembley the United Church Minister and the Anglican Rector alternate between the High School and Public School. At Goodwin three schools are visited systematically each week. In the Deanery of Athabasca the Parish of Colinton still carries on its system of teaching in the outlying schools each week.

SUMMER CAMPS

The summer outdoor activities were well taken care of since last Synod. A large Deanery Camp was held at Bear Lake, north of Grimshaw, and one at Lake Saskatoon.

BIBLE READING

More emphasis is needed in this direction within the Diocese. There are many very helpful booklets which can be used—Forward Day by Day, Bible Reading Fellowship, The Upper Room and the International Bible Reading. In one parish about 40 copies of the Forward are given out in the Parish. It is deplorable the lack of knowledge of the Bible even among the grown up people. Daily systematic reading greatly improves the knowledge of the Bible and the personal spiritual life is deepened.

RADIO

The influence of a radio station within the boundaries of the Diocese is far reaching. Our own station of C.F.G.P. has played a far greater part than we imagine. The range of programs and the far distant places which hear the programs is increasing rapidly. Morning Meditations is still classed as one of the most favored and best received on the whole schedule.

RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

As a result of a questionnaire which was sent out by the G.B.R.E. to all Parishes through the medium of the D.B.R.E. a very comprehensive result was obtained. One of the most important points was the indifference of the parents. If we ever hope to have a really Christian Canada of the future, we must pay more attention to the children. In the Diocese of Athabasca, where the staff of clergy has been so depleted, the need of a travelling Diocesan Missioner who could visit the parish regularly is an absolute necessity.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS

Here again a greater interest is needed. Girls' and Boys' groups in the Parish are an absolute essential. A.Y.P.A., Girls' W.A., C.G.I.T., Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Boys' League. Each Parish has its own difficulties and what suits one will not suit another. But have something for the young people to do during the week. Now that we have a Diocesan A.Y.P.A. the support of every Parish is needed to back it in its work. A very good Conference was held at Fairview of the A.Y.P.A., but more backing is needed

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In the past year 17 Sunday Schools with an enrolment of 148 boys and 149 girls received Christmas presents from Churches in the East. The Sunday School at Peace River sent gifts to an Indian School and the Sunday School at Grande Prairie does likewise.

In 1941 four Sunday Schools wrote the G.B.R.E. examinations in May. These Sunday Schools with the number writing were: St. Helen's, Fairview, 25; All Saints, Athabasca, 14; Christ Church, Grande Prairie, 8; St. Andrew's, Colinton, 5. Of the Sunday School by Post pupils under Miss Seaman, 108 wrote the examination. Total for the Diocese 161.

In 1942 two Parishes applied for examination papers—Fort Vermilion 10; Christ Church, Grande Prairie, 16; Sunday School by Post 105. Total 131. We congratulate these Parishes on their efforts and especially those whose pupils won awards. We would urge all interested Church members to encourage the use of these yearly examinations set by the G.B.R.E.

In closing we wish to recommend the wider use of the G.B.R.E. Teacher Training Courses and the Leadership Courses. Knowing the many demands made on the Clergyman's time, we appeal to our laymen to take a more active part in the great work of Youth Religious Training and to offer their services to their respective Rectors.

C. R. LANG, Secretary of the D.B.R.E.

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BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Under the direction of the Diocesan Board of Evangelism two important gatherings have taken place—The School of Evangelism, July 7-14, 1940, and the Refresher Course, June 1941.

The School of Evangelism was conducted by The Rev. J. W. McDonald of Hamilton, the Rev. A. G. Emmet of Orillia, The Rev. E. R. Adye of Whitby and The Rev. Canon J. D. Paterson of Peterboro, all from Ontario.

The Refresher Course in 1941 was conducted by the Rev. J. W. McDonald and Professor Dillistone, both from the staff of Wycliffe College, Toronto.

Expressions of appreciation and gratitude have been forwarded to the President and Council of Wycliffe College, Toronto, for the very real blessing and benefits which we have received through the Evangelists and Teachers sent to us.

The School of Evangelism and the Refresher Course were times of spiritual enrichment. It is difficult to describe these gatherings and what they really ment to us.

A thirst after spiritual understanding, a desire to learn, were the longings of our hearts and minds. These longings found satisfaction in the Prayer Meetings, Devotional Bible Studies and the lectures directed by Men of God.

To God alone is known all that went on in our hearts and I venture to believe that all the clergy and workers returned to their parishes quickened by the Power of The Holy Spirit, taking with them the influence of these gatherings and thus enriching the life of the Church.

Immediately following the School of Evangelism in 1940, a Diocesan Board of Evangelism was formed, the purpose of which was that with renewed hope and intention we would carry on the aims and aspirations set forward by the Evangelists.

The Board of Evangelism has met together on two occasions, first, immediately after the School of Evangelism in 1940, and again at the time of the visit of the Bishop of Calgary in October 1940.

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REPORT OF EXAMINING CHAPLAIN

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS: During 1941 some 22 papers were written by children of four Sunday Schools; Christ Church, Grande Prairie 2 papers; All Saints', Athabasca, 8 papers; St. Andrew's, Colinton, 5 papers; St. Helen's, Fairview, 7 papers. In this group there were 18 passes and four failures; average mark, Grande Prairie, 62; Athabasca, 65; Colinton, 40; Fairview, 48. There was an increase in the number of Sunday Schools writing the papers, but a decrease in the total number of papers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BY POST: Sixty-one papers were written with 49 passes and 12 failures; highest mark in the Diocese Marie Berry, Grosmont, 98%; Dorothy Mae Wall of Mirror Landing a very close second with 97%; third Gerald A. Palser 93%, of Spirit River; also third Harriet Berry, Grosmont, 93%. Ten papers received over 80 marks; eight over 70 marks. The average mark for this group was 60. Marie Berry of Grosmont was awarded the Archbishop Stringer Medal for her extremely high standing.

B. F. THORPE, Examiner.

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THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

My Lord Bishop and Members of the Synod:

During the seventeen years that I have been Diocesan Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary, I have seen a steady growth from 15 branches to 45. There has been a falling off in the number of branches, and in membership since 1939 because of war conditions. The figures for 1941 are as follows: Senior branches 38, members 349; Girls' branches 1, members 12; Junior branches 11, members 90; Little Helpers branches 7, members 236; Boys' League branches 1, members 14; Life members 15.

During 1941 the 349 Women members raised the sum of \$4,050. It is probably more than that, but there are a few branches who are shy of reporting their activities.

With the contributions from the Girls', Junior's and Little Helpers', the W.A. was able to pay its full assessment of \$357 to the United Pledge Fund. This fund is for the maintenance of work among women and children at home and overseas. As our missionaries can no longer work in Japan; through the foresight of our Diocesan President, Mrs. Little, the Diocesan Board of the W.A. are allotting \$5,000 to the Sunday School by Post in the Missionary Diocese, and Athabasca is to have a substantial share of this, \$1,000.

We sent \$71 last year to the United Thank offering, which is used for the training of women missionaries, and for their pension when their work is done.

In Dorcas work the value of the outfits sent to the Indian schools was \$102.43. About \$300 was expended by various branches on furnishings for their own Parish Church, Rectory or Hall. The W.A. also maintains a bed at Fort Norman hospital at \$50 a year. This is raised by a small contribution from each member, and the interest from a \$100 War Bond pur-

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chased by the Memorial Roll Committee. We have a hand-made book in which is recorded the names of those who have passed on to Higher Service. The latest names to be recorded are those of our beloved former President, Mrs. Robins; and Pilot Officer John Douglas Goode, son of the former Rector of St. Helen's, Waterhole, who was killed in action over Holland August 2, 1940, "one of the few to whom we owe so much".

The greater part of the \$4,050 raised by the Women is spent in the Diocese. \$1,740 was given to the Parish Apportionments for Stipends. Over \$400 was expended on Parish work (repairs and maintenance of buildings). More than \$100 is recorded as Special Gifts, which I think covers many deeds of kindness to the sick and needy. With all this, many branches concluded 1941 with good balances to carry forward into 1942.

In Study Work, many branches have used the prescribed book on Medical Missions. In the Service of Suffering, which is most interesting, and the Secretary of the "Living Message" (our W.A. magazine) reports 130 subscribers.

God has greatly blessed the work of the W.A. and with His help, the love of Christ Constraining Us", we will carry on.

ANNIE S. MacARTHUR, Diocesan Treasurer, W.A.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

	1940	1941
Baptisms	272	260
Confirmations	153	113
Marriages	131	132
Burials	85	78

Number of: Churches, 60; Halls, 37; Rectories, 18; Mission Stations, 143; Hostels, 2; Hospitals, 2; Nursing Homes, 1; Indian Residential Schools, 2.

Church Property	Value	Insurance
Churches	\$130,000	\$122,000
Rectories	36,000	34,000
Other Buildings	24,000	21,000
Other Lands	10,000	
TOTALS	\$200,000	\$177,000

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CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED CHURCH

Peace River, Alberta, January 29, 1942.

Dear Dr. Powell:

I was so pleased to have the privilege of talking over matters of common interest in relation to our Northland and to plan ways and means of closer co-operation between the two great Churches in Canada which we represent.

From our little conference, we reached the following conclusions, as I understood them, and I trust that your notes are of a similar character.

LAC LA BICHE—To remain the same as at present, with each student continuing to serve the settlements as formerly and to follow the policy that with the exception of Lac La Biche, there should be no overlapping or duplication in any of the above settlements.

LESSER SLAVE LAKE, SOUTH SHORE—The United Church Student should continue with his work at Kinuso and to serve eastward at Canyon Creek, Widewater, etc. to Slave Lake. The United Church Student will not hold services at Faust and the Church of England Student will not hold services at Slave Lake.

BATTLE RIVER AREA—The United Church plans to place an ordained man at Notikewin at an early date. The Church of England will not place an ordained man in that area but will continue to serve at North Star with two women workers.

WHITELAW—The United Church agrees to withdraw its student from Whitelaw and District, and Rev. George Pattison will serve Whitelaw and Golden Meadow from Fairview.

HINES CREEK AREA—The United Church will place a student in that area and the Church of England agrees to allow him to use the Church House at Hines Creek as his residence as in 1941.

DEBOLT and STURGEON LAKE HIGHWAY—The United Church plans to withdraw its student from this area and to allow Rev. John B. Owen to serve the District.

It is further resolved that wherever necessary, we give permission for the common use of Church buildings for services by the representative of either Church.

It is further planned, as far as possible, that in small towns where services are not held each Sunday continuously the representatives of the two denominations would co-operate in holding services alternative Sundays.

It is further agreed that the representatives of either body shall retain the privilege of holding an occasional service for its own people in any district where it is not continually serving and to visit families of its own denomination for the purpose of Confirmation, etc.,—but such services shall not be held at the same time as the services which are regularly held by the representative of the denomination in charge of that district.

The representatives in each denomination also express the hope that in all matters of common interest, the fullest co-operation may be given.

It is further agreed that this plan as outlined above, shall cover the year 1942 but it is our hope that it may be continued from year to year and that even fuller co-operation may be attained as the years pass.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Athabasca, may I thank you for this manifestation of Christian co-partnership. It is not only the spirit of our

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age but also the spirit of our Master, Jesus Christ. Personally I would also say that I deeply regret that we will not see you in your official capacity in succeeding years in our Peace River Country. You have done a great work—modestly and faithfully. We will welcome your successor when he makes his first journey through our Western Land. May you have many years of less active service in Christian Work.

Believe me, Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. H. SOVEREIGN, Bishop.

COPY Dr. Powell to Bishop Sovereign, in answer to above.

Calgary, Alberta, February 11, 1942.

Dear Bishop:

Re Co-operation.

Your letter reached me some days ago, and I am replying at the first moment since I got home.

I was so glad that we had the opportunity for a conference on the work of our Churches. I will just refer to the items in your letter, one by one.

1. Lac La Biche. The arrangement is just as you have stated in your letter.

2. Lesser Slave Lake. Please see note below.

3. Battle River Area. Just as you have stated in your letter.

4. Whitelaw. We will not send a Student to Whitelaw this year.

5. Just as you have stated in your letter.

6. Debolt. Grande Prairie agreed not to place a student on this field this summer, in view of the fact that you have a Minister on the ground. And we give you the right to use our Church at Debolt.

With the other general arrangements as stated in your letter, I am in full agreement.

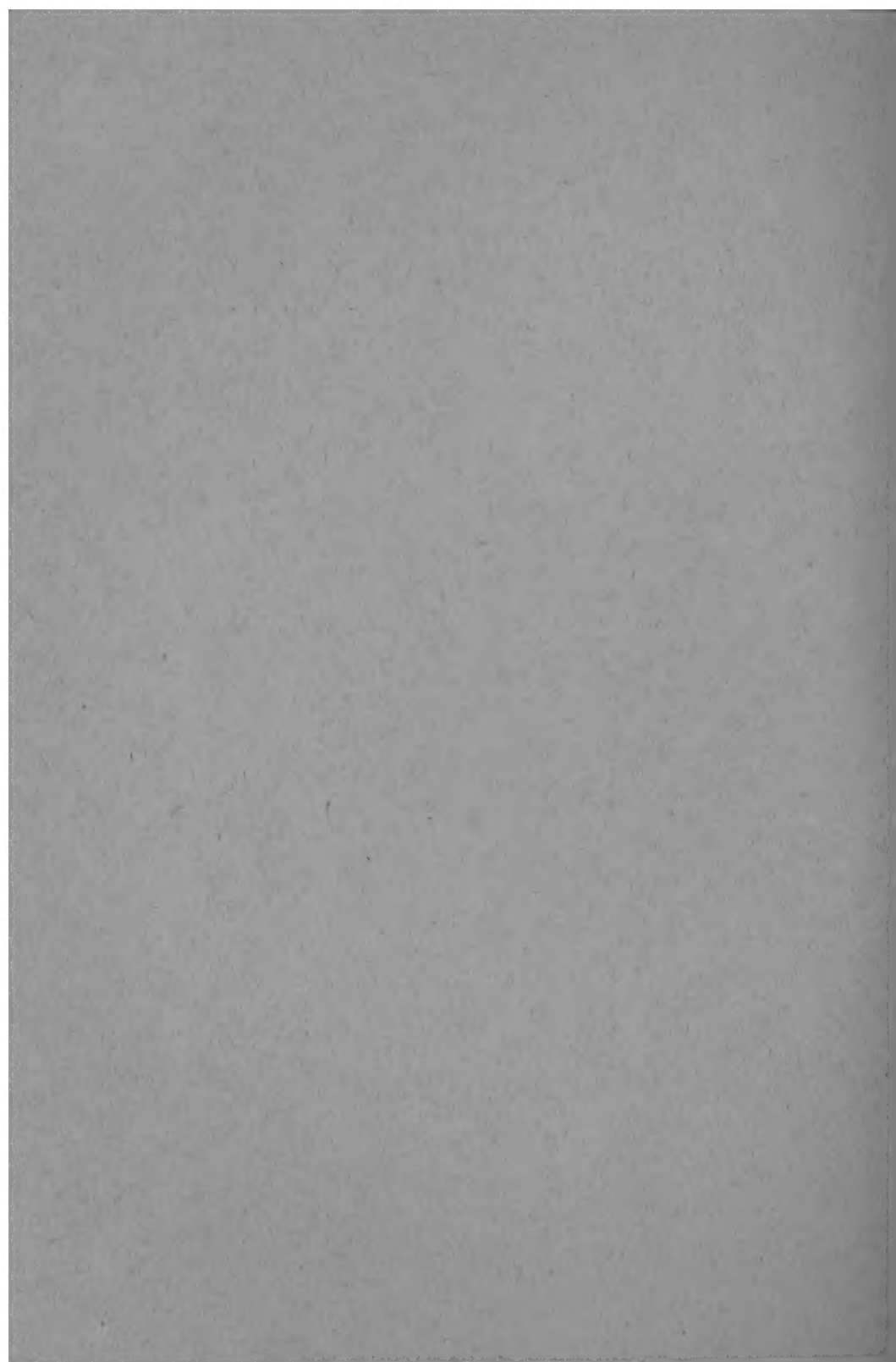
NOTE: Lesser Slave Lake. Rev. Mr. MacDonald, our Minister at McLennan has been visiting Kinuso and Faust, this winter, and the last time he was down, he made arrangements with the Faust people that our Student would serve them this summer as heretofore.

I feel I cannot very well interfere with the arrangements made by Mr. MacDonald. Perhaps during the summer we may be able to work out the plan we suggested.

In closing may I thank you for your kindly words regarding my retirement. I can only hope that my successor, whoever he may be, may have the same good fellowship with you that I have enjoyed.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) THOS. POWELL.





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